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## MUSICAL CONCERT DELIGHTS ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE

Initial Performance of College Talent Saturday Night an Unusual Success

On Saturday night last the College and its town friends were treated to what was undoubtedly the best entertainment of the year. The College Glee and Mandolin Clubs rendered a most delightful programme of vocal and instrumental music. Being a distinctly college affair, the concert was given in the chapel which was artistically decorated with pennants, banners and Japanese lanterns. The programme consisted chiefly of new music interspersed with several old-time favorites, the "songs that never grow old." The quartet, composed of Messrs. Crawford, Wright, Barnes and Van Horne, ably assisted by the other members of the Glee Club, drew round after round of enthusiastic applause, and responded until their extensive repertoire was exhausted. The Mandolin Club supplied its share of the programme with music that left nothing to be desired.

Mr. Van Horn rendered several clever comic recitations and Mr. Shelhorse's banjo solos soon had the entire audience beating time with their feet. "Skip" Witchley lent a touch of humor to the occasion by his clever disguise as Miss Rosalie Jones, the suffragette's general.

The success of their initial performance assures the Glee and Mandolin Clubs of a permanent place among the thriving activities of student life at the College.

The performance was well attended, both by students and townspeople, and there were few vacant seats as the Glee Club marched up the aisle preceded by the strain of old-time coon melodies on the stringed instruments. The College cannot overestimate its indebtedness to Mr. Fred Crawford under whose direction the concert was given, and whose talent contributed in such a large measure to its success.

The leaders of China have determined to abolish the old system of writing and have constructed an alphabet consisting of forty-two characters, of which twenty-three are vowels and nineteen are consonants. Of the vowels, four are taken from the Greek, four from the Russian, five from Latin and one from Chinese.—Exchange.

## WHO'S WHO AND WHY AT THE VENERABLE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Something of the Great and Super-Great in These Parts. Arthur Wilson James

The prominent part which Arthur played in the concert of Saturday night has led our pen to chronicle some of his other achievements while here for his brief stay of three years.

It is not necessary for us to give a description of him, because anybody that frequents our streets would be struck by his square jaw, his prominent chest, his bow legs and that charming grin. He was very careful in the language that he used and the company that he chose, but since a trip to Panama both of these attributes have fled.

On account of his self appreciation he was elected manager of the football team and because of the expanse of his chest he was elected "It" last year by an overwhelming majority.

### HIS SELF CONCEPTION

"A lion among the ladies," an indispensable part of the choir, an oracle to which Ducs must heed, a rather handsome brunette, a charming story teller, a clever actor, a wonderful bluffer, a demnible and deservedly popular man.

### AS OTHERS SEE HIM

An indescribable bore, especially as to his personal experiences in Panama and a certain trip to Boston, as a swell head with regards to his voice and his beauty, a hot air artist of the old school, but in the case of necessity a level headed and likable fellow.

### HIS CHARACTERISTICS

Being a minister's son, we have to forgive many of his ways, but his habit of fingering medals after Literary society contests is appalling.

He is able to bluff members of the faculty with ease and it is reported that he has the same trait with young ladies. He believes in the policy of being on terms of some sort with every one, ranging from 35c to \$1.25 (the limit of his credit.) He can manage anything from a literary society to a football team and has done a good deal along both lines.

Yet you have the goods with you Arthur Wilson, either real or imagined, and if you don't make a success of yourself on this spinning little orb of ours it will be the first failure recorded against you.

## WILLIAM AND MARY CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP IN BASKETBALL

Randolph-Macon Refuses to Play Off Tie After All Arrangements for Game were Complete

The William and Mary basketball quint claim the championship of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association. After the defeat from Randolph-Macon which tied up the race, Manager Hubbard attempted to arrange to play another game. Place and time of the game were difficult to settle, but finally the Howitzer's gym was secured and Saturday evening was thought the most advisable time.

At this critical point a telegram comes from Manager Walker "Will be unable to play game," and so the hope of definitely settling the race was queered. On this refusal, on their part, to play off the tie, the local quint claims the cup. The team won eight out of nine games scheduled, defeating Randolph-Macon 42-25 and then losing to her 33-23. It is probably the best team that has represented the college for several years.

The following record speaks for itself:

William and Mary 34, Richmond College 15.

William and Mary 23, Fredericksburg 15.

William and Mary 26, Howitzers 18.

William and Mary 35, Howitzers 31.

William and Mary 42, Randolph-Macon 25.

William and Mary 27, John Marshall A. C. 14.

William and Mary 43, Hampden-Sidney 14.

William and Mary 23, Randolph-Macon 33.

William and Mary 39, Hampden-Sidney 23.

### SWELLED HEAD

This affection is very agreeable to the patient, but distinctly unpleasant for all others. In a mild form it is rather diverting, but in its more aggravated forms it becomes annoying, and a long-suffering public fails ignominiously in obtaining any relief. The reason for this failure may be that the patient is never anxious to be cured, and, indeed, does everything in his power to avert it.—McMaster Universal Monthly.

## WILLIAM & MARY HOLDS INTERESTING DEBATES WITH SISTER COLLEGES

Local Teams Make Good Showing Despite Unfavorable Circumstances. R. C. Wins Cup

The triangular debate arranged between William and Mary and her sister colleges, Richmond and Randolph-Macon, was held last Friday night. The question discussed was: Resolved, That the United States was justified in exempting her coastwise trade vessels from the payment of tolls for passage through the Panama Canal.

In accordance with the rules governing the contest, William and Mary upheld the affirmative side of the question on home grounds, while her visiting team defended the negative at Randolph-Macon. Both teams acquitted themselves well in spite of the fact that they had only a short time in which to prepare their speeches.

### LOCAL CONTEST SPIRITED

At home William and Mary was represented by K. A. Agee and W. E. Somers; Richmond College by H. G. Duval and E. C. Primm. The meeting was presided over by P. L. Witchley, and Clarence Jennings acted as time keeper. The debate was interesting and spirited throughout. Each debater showed an extensive knowledge of the question and argued well. The decision was rendered in favor of the negative.

### RANDOLPH-MACON BARELY WINS

At Ashland the contest was very close, Randolph-Macon winning by a very narrow margin. To the large audience present, G. C. Outland and R. C. Warburton, who spoke for William and Mary, seemed to be equal to their opponents in every respect. The speeches on each side were well arranged, showed excellent thought and represented much hard work. The vote stood 2 to 1 in favor of the affirmative, although a number had conceded victory to William and Mary before the decision was announced.

In a similar contest held at Richmond College between Randolph-Macon and Richmond, the latter won by a two-to-one vote. By winning both of her contests Richmond College is thereby entitled to the twenty-five dollar cup given by the colleges participating. This cup was won by Randolph-Macon last year. Here's hoping that it comes to William and Mary next year.



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## A LARGE ASSEMBLY HALL

Some time ago, as announced in The Flat Hat, William and Mary was the recipient of the sum of \$25,000 to be used in the erection of a new assembly hall. As to the plans, designs, etc., that are being considered for the construction of this building we know but little. It has been rumored, however, that it is to be a two-story structure, containing, besides an auditorium, a number of lecture rooms. This is no doubt a good plan. But can a building containing in addition the number of lecture rooms needed be erected for \$25,000? It is quite patent that more lecture rooms are needed right now—and the new building might possibly meet present demands. But what of the future? If William and Mary hopes for anything, it is to grow. And it is but a reasonable assumption that she will grow, not only in numbers but in influence and prestige as well. The William and Mary of tomorrow will certainly be greater than the William and Mary of today, and as a consequence, her needs will be multiplied many times.

So in constructing our assembly hall why not recognize this principle of growth, and erect a building which not only will afford accommodations for a larger student-body, but will also be the pride of a greater and ever-growing William and Mary? This can be done if the proper effort is put forth. There are hundreds of alumni and friends of the old college who would gladly contribute to an extra twen-

ty-five thousand. Heaven helps those who help themselves, and it is certainly a poor soul that makes no effort to rise. Can not we have an assembly hall of the kind that the future will need? Will not some one initiate a movement to raise the supplement necessary?

## INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATING

The triangular debate is now a matter of history, and, as usual, William and Mary shared in the defeats to the greatest possible extent. Not a few have been made to wonder at the result; and inquiries have been forthcoming. From various sources may be heard the questions: Can it be that there is no end to this seemingly ceaseless and never-ending round of defeat? Is it possible that the men who have represented William and Mary in recent years, have failed to realize that an inter-collegiate debate requires an intellectual effort? Or have they realized this fact and then failed to put forth such effort because they were not capable of doing so? We are not egotistic when we answer these questions with an emphatic no. It is possible to stem the tide of defeat by which we have been submerged; our men have not been intellectually inferior to their opponents, nor have they been unable to appreciate fully the magnitude of the undertaking; no, they have been simply the victims of unfavorable circumstances over which they had little or no control.

Now, the question naturally arises, under what circumstances have they been placed? To relate them in detail is wholly unnecessary. There has been, as we see it, one and only one fundamental hindrance to at least partial success: those who have participated in the contests have lacked sufficient time for preparation—due to the exacting demands of the faculty. It is a well-known physical law that the resulting work of any mechanism can not exceed that expended upon it—if it could, then perpetual motion machines would be plentiful. The same law applies in mental work; it is absurd to expect a strong debate from a little work. Our sister colleges recognize this principle and make concessions to their debaters, giving in some instances credit on the speeches prepared; and as a consequence, they carry off the plums. Perfectly natural, just and right.

The future holds in store the same experience, if conditions remain unchanged. Then, frankly, let one of two things be done: either make the concessions needed, or publish to the world that William and Mary has no time for inter-collegiate debating and will no longer engage in it.

## OUR MUSICAL CLUBS

It is generally believed that Wil-

liam and Mary now has the best glee and mandolin clubs in her history. Their initial performance Saturday night was a rare treat to lovers of music, and one that all would like to have repeated. There is no doubt that, with a few alterations in their programme, another concert would be even more popular than the first. Then why not have it repeated—and not only here but elsewhere?

There is nothing that would be more efficient as an advertising agency than a rather extensive tour of the state by these clubs. The large high schools of the state to which William and Mary is looking for a large per cent of her future students would be ideal places to visit. In choosing a college young men take into consideration very

much the student activities, and among these good music holds an important place. Such a tour would certainly pay, besides it would show others what William and Mary has in the musical line.

The Flat Hat has again decided that it is entitled to a short holiday season. Accordingly there will be no paper issued during the next two weeks. The suspension is necessary, and will in no wise hinder us in meeting all obligations. We, therefore, ask that our readers be patient and look for the reappearance of The Flat Hat on All Fools' Day, not as an April fool, however.

The baseball team will start the season by playing McGuire's School here on Saturday, March 22.

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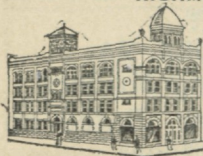
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### ACADEMY ELECTS MANAGERS

On Thursday night the Academy Athletic Association met and elected managers for their different teams. For basketball manager of 1913-14, Messrs. Robertson and Corbell were nominated and the association elected Mr. Robertson. Next they chose Mr. Agee over Mr. Leatherbury as manager of the track team 1913-14. Mr. Maddox defeated Mr. Addison in the race for assistant baseball manager.

Here's luck to you newly elected managers. May your earnest work keep the reputation of the Academy in athletics as bright as it has been heretofore.

### "SAMBO" HUBBARD LOST!

A telegram arrived at The Flat Hat office Saturday, 7:30 p. m. announcing the startling news that "Sambo" Hubbard, the popular guard on the basketball, was lost in the large city of Farmville. The startling news created quite a stir about the quiet town, and a motorcycle hunting party, headed by Prof. Jno. Tyler VI was quickly organized. The searching party was about to start when a second telegram was received, stating that that said Hubbard had been located and would be able to take part in the basketball game. The thrilling experience which Sambo had will appear in the near future in The Flat Hat.

### DR. MONTGOMERY WILL SPEAK

Dr. Walter A. Montgomery, for six years professor of Latin at this college and now holding that position at Richmond College, has accepted an invitation from the Spotswood Club to make an address on Saturday, March 15. This address is looked forward to as a particular treat by the members of the Spotswood because Dr. Montgomery was the founder of the club and has always been a loyal supporter. His subject will be:

"THE SOLDIER AS AUTHOR"

To those of us who have heard Dr. Montgomery speak, no word of praise is necessary, and to the new men it may be said that he is a pleasing and talented orator, and one who has, for a long time, held the interests of the College very dear.

The speech will be delivered in the College Chapel at 8 p. m. Both town people and students are cordially invited to attend.

"Jack" Wright is in Chicago this week attending the national convention of Theta Delta Chi.

There will be a short business meeting of the Spotswood Club this (Tuesday) evening at the Kappa Sigma House. The meeting is important and all members are urged to be present.

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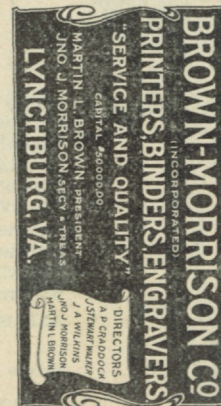
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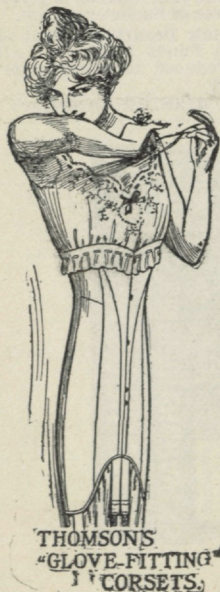
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### IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Dr. Keeble was confined to his  
home for a few days last week on  
account of illness.

"Sweeney" Blitzer returned to  
College Tuesday after spending a  
few days in Brooklyn, New York.

The scholars of Nicholson High  
School gave a very delightful enter-  
tainment, entitled the "Enchanted  
Wood," last Thursday night.

Have you seen the Junior hats?

The Academy roll has been in-  
creased by the addition of a new  
student, Mr. Trice.

Dr. J. L. Hall has returned from  
Richmond where he has been attend-  
ing Mrs. Hall for the past week.  
Mrs. Hall, who underwent an oper-  
ation, is rapidly improving.

Messrs. J. D. Clements and Her-  
bert Blackwell, of the Richmond  
schools, spent the past week-end  
at the Sigma Phi Epsilon House.

Mr. Edward Bane spent Saturday  
in Newport News.

Messrs. W. M. Grimsley and G.  
C. Outland returned from Richmond  
Sunday.

Dr. J. W. Ritchie is in Dublin,  
Va., making some necessary ar-  
rangements for the Summer Session.

Mr. F. F. Jenkins was called to  
his home last Friday on account of  
his sister's illness.

The Colonial Echo will go to the  
publishers this week. It promises  
to be an unusually good publication  
this year.

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Profs. John Tyler and A. R.  
Koontz were in Richmond Saturday  
and Sunday.

### ACADEMY NOTES

The outlook for good baseball in  
the Academy is promising. Work  
is being done on the diamond and  
practice will begin soon.

Professor Goodwin will coach the  
team, assisted, perhaps, by E. B.  
Thomas. The management received  
\$75 from the board of visitors, and  
with the uniforms of last year the  
equipments will be in a fairly good  
condition.

Several of the boys who made the  
team last year are back, and some  
excellent material that has never  
had the advantage of being under a  
coach.

Eight games have been scheduled  
already and when the cry "play  
ball" is heard, Professor Goodwin  
expects that something will be  
doing.

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